



## TOWN OF ROCKLAND

### Board of Selectmen

Town Hall  
242 Union Street  
Rockland, Massachusetts 02370

*Chairman:*

Keven D. Pratt

*Vice Chairman:*

Kelli A. O'Brien-McKinnon

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S OPEN SESSION held on  
Monday, October 16, 2006 at 6:02PM in the H. Bernard Monahan Memorial Room,  
Town Hall, 242 Union Street Rockland, Massachusetts 02370.**

Present: Mr. Pratt, Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon, Mr. Chaffee, Mrs. Parsons, and Mr. Valanzola.

Veteran's Agent Anton Materna made a presentation to Specialist Steven James Baker who recently returned from Iraq.

#### **A. MINUTES**

1. May 1, 2006 – Open Session

**Motion: Mr. Valanzola to approve Minutes of May 1, 2006 Open Session**

**Second: Mrs. Kelli A. O'Brien-McKinnon**

**Vote: 5-0**

#### **B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Rent Control Applications (Todd Simpson & Eric Zimmerman)

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve Todd Simpson as a member of the Rent  
Control Board as representatives of Hometown America**

**Second: Mrs. Parsons**

**Vote: 5-0**

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to table Eric Zimmerman where he does not live here  
to see if he can be available to attend meetings (letter will be sent)**

**Second: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon**

**Vote: 5-0**

## 2. Budget Discussion

BOS each gave their views of the budget crisis.

**Motion: Mr. Valanzola to freeze overtime (emergency situations-written notification to Mr. Plante as soon as possible)**

**Second: Mrs. Parsons**

**Vote: 5-0**

BOS wants Accountant Eric Hart to give a 10 year history of Reserve Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

## C. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Appointments – Historical Commission

**Motion: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon to appoint A. Dean Sargent to the Historical Commission**

**Second: Mrs. Parsons**

**Vote: 5-0**

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to appoint Lawrence Donovan to the Historical Commission**

**Second: Mr. Valanzola**

**Vote: 5-0**

### 2. Contract Amendment – Paul Guertin & Associates

Mrs. Parsons stepped down as she is directly involved as a resident.

Paul Guertin gave an overview of the project and the amendment.

**Motion: Mr. Valanzola to approve contract amendment**

**Second: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon**

**Vote: 4-0 (Mrs. Parsons had stepped down)**

### 3. Resignation – Teen Center Advisory Committee

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to accept resignation of Mary Gilmore with regret**

**Second: Mrs. Parsons**

**Vote: 5-0**

### 4. Verizon – Rick Colon

Rick Colon explained Verizon's project, the licensing for the Cable TV and the price competition.

4. Verizon – Rick Colon - continued

**Motion: Mr. Valanzola to approve sending the two separate letters read to initiate the cable licensing process & the Chairman to sign both letters**

**Second: Mr. Mr. Chaffee**

**Vote: 5-0**

#### **D. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to have Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00PM on December 4<sup>th</sup> before Town Meeting for approving licenses only.**

**Second: Mr. Valanzola**

**Vote: 5-0**

Mr. Plante scheduled a Department Head Meeting on Friday at 10:00AM for budget discussions.

#### **E. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Pratt read letter from Officer Eramo to Mike DelPrete & Sons Trucking thanking him for the removal of bikes & the green trailer behind the police station.

#### **F. OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Chaffee congratulated the Rockland High Football team for beating Duxbury. Question was raised on LNR money. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to send Mr. Pratt & Mrs. Parsons to K & P to discuss the Host Community Agreement and try to get resolution**

**Second: Mr. Valanzola**

**Vote: 5-0**

Mrs. Parsons spoke on being a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee and Mayor Madden's comments on traffic issues and not consulting Rockland. Requests August 21<sup>st</sup> letter to Mayor Madden.

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to have Terry Fancher, John Ward & John Rogers at the next meeting to discuss unresolved issues**

**Second: Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon**

**Vote: 5-0**

Mr. Valanzola – Spoke on Funding Meeting being held in the Town of Carver and having people involved in the budgeting process. He'd like to get more information and see if this would be worthwhile doing it in Rockland. Reminded everyone regarding voter resignation.

Mrs. O'Brien-McKinnon – Spoke on attending Fire Station Open House.

Mr. Pratt – Nothing

Mr. DelPrete – Spoke on Base Streets and thought that Fire & Police Chief’s should attend meetings with Mrs. Parsons.

Deputy Chief Ferguson – Thanked everyone who helped with the Open House at the Fire Station. Spoke on Fire Prevention Week and kitchen fires. Mr. Chaffee congratulated DC Ferguson for his foresight in preventing a fire at Cataloni’s restaurant.

Mr. Tom Smith – Spoke on an issue at Rockland Auto Parts. Mr. Plante addressed the issue and suggested he be brought before the BOS as this business was in before zoning and everything is grandfathered in. Mr. Smith only wants the frontage cleaned up. Mr. Chaffee suggested that it be brought up during the license renewal process. BOS suggested Mr. Plante pay a visit and will give him two weeks to clean it up before we have a show/cause hearing.

**Motion: Mr. Chaffee to adjourn at 8:37PM**

**Second: Mr. Valanzola**

**Vote: 5-0 Mr. Chaffee-yes, Mrs. Parsons-yes, Mr. Valanzola-yes, Mrs. O’Brien-McKinnon-yes and Mr. Pratt-yes**

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Lawrence J. Chaffee